

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Satoshi IWATA et al.

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

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For: PORTABLE ELECTRONIC VIEWER SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for and examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following

17. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) A portable electronic viewer system as set forth in Claim 15, wherein a signal comprising the identification number of said viewer division is transmitted from said viewer division to said portable server division, wherein when said signal is received at said portable server division, said signal is collated with the identification number of a viewer registered therein and wherein when said collation determines that said identification numbers coincide with each other, a publication signal is described in an intermediate data file.

18. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) A portable electronic viewer system as set forth in Claim 12, wherein said viewer division has its own specific identification number, wherein said identification number is registered in advance in said portable server division and wherein said identification number is described in an intermediate data file, whereby when the identification number of an intermediate data file sent to said viewer division coincides with the identification number that said viewer division holds, a compressed data is decompressed.

19. (AS NEW HEREIN) A portable electronic viewer system as set forth in Claim 16, wherein a signal comprising the identification number of said viewer division is transmitted from said viewer division to said portable server division, wherein when said signal is received at said portable server division, said signal is collated with the identification number of a viewer registered therein and wherein when said collation determines that said identification numbers coincide with each other, a publication signal is described in an intermediate data file.

20. (AS NEW HEREIN) A portable electronic viewer system as set forth in Claim 13, wherein said viewer division has its own specific identification number, wherein said identification number is registered in advance in said portable server division and wherein said identification number is described in an intermediate data file, whereby when the identification number of an intermediate data file sent to said viewer division coincides with the identification number that said viewer division holds, a compressed data is decompressed.

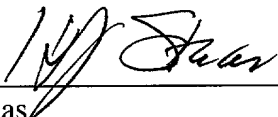
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to further prosecution of this application by placing same in better form, including eliminating all multiple-dependencies from the claims. Accordingly, entry of the Preliminary Amendment and favorable examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

17. (ONCE AMENDED) A portable electronic viewer system as set forth in Claim 15 [or 16], wherein a signal comprising the identification number of said viewer division is transmitted from said viewer division to said portable server division, wherein when said signal is received at said portable server division, said signal is collated with the identification number of a viewer registered therein and wherein when said collation determines that said identification numbers coincide with each other, a publication signal is described in an intermediate data file.

18. (ONCE AMENDED) A portable electronic viewer system as set forth in Claim 12 [or 13], wherein said viewer division has its own specific identification number, wherein said identification number is registered in advance in said portable server division and wherein said identification number is described in an intermediate data file, whereby when the identification number of an intermediate data file sent to said viewer division coincides with the identification number that said viewer division holds, a compressed data is decompressed.

19. (NEW) A portable electronic viewer system as set forth in Claim 16, wherein a signal comprising the identification number of said viewer division is transmitted from said viewer division to said portable server division, wherein when said signal is received at said portable server division, said signal is collated with the identification number of a viewer registered therein and wherein when said collation determines that said identification numbers coincide with each other, a publication signal is described in an intermediate data file.

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